OFFICE OF THE CLERK TOWN OF TREMPEALEAU TREMPEALEAU COUNTY, WISCONSIN

MINUTES OF THE 11/07/2012 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Chairman Wayne Wilber called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. All members were present. Also present was the Town's Attorney Terry Madden and several town residents.

Open meeting certification laws were met.

The purpose of the meeting was to confer with legal counsel in regards to complaints on gas corn cannons.

Attorney Madden informed the Board of two ordinance options - either a nuisance ordinance or a fireworks ordinance. He stated the fireworks ordinance has a clearer line of what is permitted and what is not. A nuisance ordinance does not have a clear line of what is considered a nuisance. He also stated there is still litigation pending and that the Board might want to wait until after that is settled to take action.

Under the fireworks ordinance it is easier to issue citations, but the other issue is whether the Trempealeau County Sheriff would enforce the Town's ordinance.

The Board could set specific objectives in a fireworks ordinance such as: direction the corn cannon is pointed, times of use, distance from property line, length of season, would need a permit to name a few.

Attorney Madden advised the Board to review Wis State Statute 167.10 in regards to fireworks and agricultural use.

Wayne Wilber made a motion to have David Prondzinski meet with Attorney Madden to work out a draft ordinance and bring to the Board for review; Dennis Bortle seconded. The motion carried with a voice vote.

David Prondzinski moved to adjourn the meeting; Dennis Bortle seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Dahl, Clerk/Treasurer